

**Minutes of a meeting of the Fivehead Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Stowey Road Fivehead on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2008 at 8pm.**

Present Mr M Cavill (Chairman) Mrs K Beacham Mrs N Cameron Mr K Male C. Cllr. D Nelson PCSO Beth Unthank, one member of the public and Mrs M Knox (Clerk)

**PUBLIC SESSION**

PCSO Beth Unthank provided the crime statistics for November, December and January and gave assurance that those responsible for the vandalism at the Village Hall had been spoken to by the police.

**1356. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Mr G Balmer (attending a PCC meeting), Mrs H Clarke and Dist. Cllr. S Steele.

**1357. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> January 2008, having been circulated, were taken as a true record of what took place and duly signed by the Chairman.

**1358. VACANCY ON COUNCIL**

Mr Robert Fielding, present, expressed his willingness to serve but stated that he would not be available every month due to existing commitments. Council were satisfied that this would not be a problem. It was **proposed** KM and **seconded** MC that he be co-opted. He was given various informative booklets and next month would be provided with all the requisite paperwork to sign having by then had a chance to read the Code of Conduct.

**1359. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

Deferred to next month. MC would talk to GB and HC during the month and see if either would be willing to take on the post.

**1360. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES AND RAISED BY MEMBERS.**

- a) SALC representative. KB offered to be the second representative. She was appointed unanimously.
- b) Langford Corner. MC & KM have heavily pruned the area. The wall is now accessible and the waste bin has been reset to an upright position. It was **agreed** to defer considering the placing of a seat unless further representations are made as a previous seat on this site caused problems.
- c) Flooding on Iberry lane. Mr Sharpe (Highways) has requested MC contact him to progress matters. KM wishes to be present at the meeting.
- d) Invitation to join. Somerset Campaign to Protect Rural England. **Resolved** unanimously not to join. HC had indicated she was in favour. DN said the organisation was more appropriate for individual membership.
- e) Cemetery and Churchyard. During the weekly routine checks the clerk had found that headstones on the graves of Timothy English and Mary Ann Ford in the cemetery and a cross on the grave of Joseph Louch in the churchyard could all constitute a risk. Mrs P English had been informed of the former and had undertaken to get the problem sorted out. Council thought it would be best to lay down the splitting stone marking the Ford grave. Clerk to research the procedure for same. MC volunteered to stabilise the cross.

**1361. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.**

- a) From Came & Company re insurance quote. Clerk to request a quote for 2008-9 sending the schedule but not the existing quote. If Came & Co insist on seeing the existing quote Council agreed they would not use the company but remain with Allianz Cornhill.
- b) From WI secretary re suspension of the Fivehead Women's Institute. The content was noted and all members expressed regret at the loss of such an estimable organisation.
- c) From SALC re training courses for the clerk (chargeable) and possible bursary towards same. Clerk thought the probable benefit to Council from these courses would not justify the expense. She would not attend but watch out for notes in the SALC papers.
- d) From Fivehead VHMC re request for approval for siting an external, steel, storage container. Council unanimously **resolved** to approve the proposition as additional storage is badly needed. Clerk to write.

**1362. CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS. response sought.**

Orders and Regulations Relating to the Conduct of Local Authority members in England. Resolved to reply endorsing SALC's response which would be circulated, the document being large and the timescale short.

Taunton Town Centre Action Plan - Consultation on Site Allocation Representations. Circulated for interest.

**1363. REPORTS.**

- d) Cemetery Sub Committee Book to KB. MK undertook to burn vegetation rubbish at cemetery.
- e) Highways Mr Crossman (Highways) had contacted Clerk re flooding on Stowey Rd. west of Homeacre. He has asked to be informed as soon as there is another flood so the cause can be identified. He raised the issue of gravel coming onto the highway from the VH car park. Clerk had informed secretary. NC asked again that the missing Ganges Hill sign be replaced. Previously on bank opposite Westfield.

**364. PLANNING.**

- a) applications 07/05554/FUL Moortown Farm Moortown lane Curry Rivel. Erection of a building comprising 5 no. stables, tack room, agricultural workshop, feedstore and open implement store and associated sand school, stable yard and farm yard and use of land for equestrian purposes. No objections.
- 08/00142/FUL Eastwood farm Underhill Lane Fivehead. Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of a replacement dwelling. Members had reservations about the total demolition of the existing buildings. Given the sensitive nature of the site, directly overlooking the levels, and the fact that most members have not seen the site Clerk to request a site meeting. Council would not want to see the existing approved footprint increased at all. (07/04672/ful granted 04.10.07 for alterations and extensions.)

**1365. FINANCE**

The financial position of the Council was received.

The recently completed bank mandate has been accepted by the bank.

It was unanimously resolved to authorise that a cheque be raised, payee Fivehead Drama Group, for the amount of the long awaited Area Working Panel Grant when it comes into the PC bank account via BACS. This is anticipated to be 3K. It should arrive before the next meeting hence the need for the authorisation. To be accompanied by a conditional letter approved by the signatories.

- a) Payments authorised during the previous month

i) Fivehead Village Hall	rent Dec.	£31
b) Payments authorised at the meeting		
ii) Mrs M Knox	salary	£182.62
iii) Mrs M Knox	expenses	£1.44
c) Income received during the month		
iv) NATWEST	interest	£133.75

**1366. MATTERS OF REPORT AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING.**

- b) Clerk David Heath MP is holding his surgery at Ridgeway Hall Langport Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb. 11.15am - 12 noon. NC has installed Open Office on the PC computer. She has also increased the memory which has vastly improved working practice. She was warmly thanked..
- c) Councillors. KM asked if there had been any further news regarding the promised bus shelter. Negative. There is a new warden at St. Martins Close. Query re progress on planning at Stillbrook Wood Yard. No date for Committee as yet. Members felt there should be an attendance at Committee when any further issues can be raised. There was some concern over whether Fivehead Cemetery would now be selected for burials. There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20pm

Chairman

Dated